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## COMMENTARY

# In the eye of the riots: Understanding the French riots from an American student's view

French students have rioted for the past three weeks because of labor struggles directly affecting them

Emily Rancer  
MUSTANG DAILY

PARIS — I turn down Boulevard Saint Michel, just across the bridge from the tourist-cluttered Notre Dame Cathedral in the heart of Paris, police cars and vans suddenly line the streets. Armed policemen talk in huddled groups on street corners in front of cafes, perhaps weary after three weeks of subduing student protesters.

The Sorbonne, Paris' main university that enrolls nearly 60,000 students, comes into sight and it's a staggering mess. Police have barricaded the front entrance with ugly metal fences, now tattooed with graffiti. "Police everywhere, justice nowhere," reads the most prominent. Trash and papers litter the plaza in front of the university, much like the morning after a wild house party.

But there are no protesters in sight.

The Sorbonne area is mostly empty except for tourists who excitedly snap pictures of the



French riot police gather near the Sorbonne in Paris, ready to stifle student protests over a new labor law.

haunting aftermath. I read later that students are in another part of Paris today, voicing their rage toward a governmental law that would allow French employers to fire workers under age 26 anytime during the first two years of employment. The government says it will encourage

employers to hire younger workers, but the French youth strongly disagree.

More than two-thirds of France's 84 public universities are now completely or partially closed because of the demonstrations. The students are furious that their gen-

eration is again being targeted by a government that they say won't allow for job protection among young workers.

After living in Paris since January and hearing first-hand the frustrations my French friends have

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## Rain and quick driving make slippery combination

Amy Asman  
MUSTANG DAILY

Traffic on a rain-soaked Grand Avenue came to a halt Wednesday after a car plowed through the center divide and crashed into a concrete pillar underneath U.S. Highway 101, police said.

The driver, an 18-year-old San Luis Obispo resident, was turning left onto the street when the accident occurred, San Luis Obispo police officer Colleen Kevany said. He suffered minor injuries and was taken to Sierra Vista Medical Center.

"In this case, the driver accelerated too hard on a wet surface. Then he lost control of the vehicle, spun out, went up on the planter and hit the big, square, concrete pillar," Kevany said.

The other two passengers, an underage male and an underage female, were released on scene. All of the passengers' names are currently being withheld pending an investigation by the driver's insurance company, she said.

"(Dispatch) received a call at 11:57 a.m. from passers-by who witnessed the accident" said Capt. Rik Grecnik, who works at the fire

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## Mustang Daily advertising collects three top national awards

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

The Mustang Daily advertising and business staff took three top awards at the College Newspaper Business and Advertising Managers (CNBAM) Convention held March 8-11 in Philadelphia.

The annual contest was judged by professionals working for newspapers across the country, including the San Luis Obispo Tribune.

The Mustang Daily took first place for "Best Marketing Package," a media kit promoting the newspaper to advertisers. The package was put together by advertising director Taiga Young and designers Lana Johnson and Jimmy Dinh.

"I'm really proud of my designing team. They did an amazing job with this," Young said. "I'm glad that they've been rewarded for their work."

The package, which was presented to 120 advertising clients, included campus demographics, rate information, a speculative ad and a copy of the Mustang Daily. The project took three months to complete.

Close to 70 schools entered the contest, with newspapers competing in two categories: Division A, which included newspapers with a combined weekly circulation of

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## Crash

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station on Foothill Boulevard and Chorro Street. "We were first on the scene with the San Luis Obispo Police Department and the San Luis Obispo ambulance."

College Towing removed the man's black Lexus SC400 shortly after the accident. The car, which appeared to be totaled, will be kept at a storage facility in town, Kevany said.

"This is pretty much a big nothing. It's just a single vehicle," she said. "Still, it shows that you need to be cautious in wet weather."

## Paris

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against the government, I've realized that employment is an immense issue that constantly looms over them. When they graduate after years of intensive education, they don't know if they'll actually be able to find a job that suits their qualifications. France has an unemployment rate that hovers around 10 percent — twice as high as in the United States — and it spikes to 23 percent among those under age 25.

"It's too hierarchical in France," said Lydie Alberto, one of my French friends. "It's difficult to have a professional career in France. I'd rather work in the United States. Why? Because they give a chance to everyone — there's no discrimination."

Lydie, whose parents emigrated from Africa, is currently studying in Paris to get her license in the import/export business. She's specializing in North American trade in hopes of moving to America after she graduates, thus avoiding the harsh work of finding a job in France as a 21-year-old black female.

For young minorities, like Lydie,

## Awards

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40,000 or less; and Division B, which included newspapers with a weekly circulation of 40,000 or more. The Mustang Daily, one of 129 members of CNBAM, competed in Division A.

The Mustang Daily also took home first place for "Best Sales Promotion Materials." Assistant Design Editor Jessica Greenwalt designed the ad to promote the Summer Mustang.

Also placing was Dinh's Automotive Directory promotion, which took second place in "Best College Newspaper Promotion Ad."

unemployment can reach as high as 50 percent in France, according to Business Week.

As Americans, we shook our heads back in November when suburban minorities torched cars as a way to protest. Did we really understand the reasons why or did we just assume they were crazy, lawless hooligans?

As an American student, I've never really worried about not being able to find work after Cal Poly. I know that I won't fall into unemployment without first having a crack at the real world. But that's not the reality for so many students here in France, and my friends and their friends are worried by it. They can't blame themselves for not being able to find a job after succeeding in college, so they blame the government — a good place to start.

Police firing rubber bullets and turning high-pressured hoses on educated youth who want to exercise their right to demonstrate just fuels their fire. They're mad that authorities are again refusing what they want. Until the French government figures out a way to create more jobs and stability, the French youth will never settle. For them, worry turns to rebellion.

# Study finds misuse of condoms high among students

Dyanna Quizon

THE CALIFORNIA AGGIE (UC-DAVIS)

DAVIS — It takes more than using the "glove of love" to have safe sex, a fact not known to some students, according to a recent study.

Surveying 858 heterosexual male students at 18 large universities across the country, researchers from the sexual health organization Condom Hall found that a large number of students are not always using condoms correctly, putting them at risk for AIDS, STDs and unwanted pregnancies.

According to the survey, students were performing unsafe actions during intercourse, with 42 percent reporting that they did not leave enough space for semen at the top of the condom and 17 percent saying they took off a condom before finishing sexual intercourse. In addition, 34 percent had a condom break and 15 percent reported that a condom had slipped off during sex. Each student also reported using a condom during sex at least four times in the previous two months.

Polly Paulson, a health educator at the University of California-Davis Health Education and Promotion office (HEP), said she has found similar results in other research.

"Overall, the studies show that it's not product failure but user failure when a condom does not work properly," Paulson said. "People don't always understand how to use the device correctly and consistently."

In addition to usage problems, Condom Hall's study also revealed that 58 percent of the participants did not discuss condom use with their partner before sex, and 45 percent reported instances in which they wanted to use a condom but

did not have any available.

Condom Hall Director Chris Carey said in a press release that it is crucial that students do a better job in protecting themselves and their partners during sex.

to get the word out about proper condom usage, with the most recent one occurring from Feb. 9 to 14, which included a mascot named "Captain Condom." Paulson said HEP staff members were able to successfully hand out over 3,500 condoms in addition to pamphlets on how to use a condom and STD facts.

"The data from the research confirms that we need to continue providing opportunities for students to learn how to use condoms correctly and build those skills," Paulson said.

Students are encouraged to use such services at HEP and Condom Hall's website, which offers free instructional booklets on proper use and storage tips as well as student-discounted condom products. For additional information, visit condomhall-condoms.org.

Promoting condom use is great, but it may not be enough. Sexually active students must know how to use them correctly.

CHRIS CAREY

CONDOM HALL DIRECTOR

"Promoting condom use is great, but it may not be enough," Carey said. "Sexually active students must know how to use condoms correctly. Condom education is just as important as condom usage."

According to Paulson, HEP has been working on several campaigns

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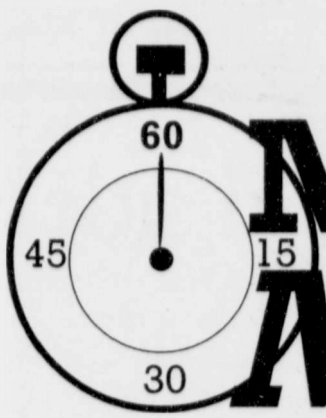
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## WHO SAID THAT?

One must also accept that one has "uncreative" moments. The more honestly one can accept that, the quicker these moments will pass.

— Etty Hillesum

Go through your phone book, call people and ask them to drive you to the airport. The ones who will drive you are your true friends. The rest aren't bad people; they're just acquaintances.

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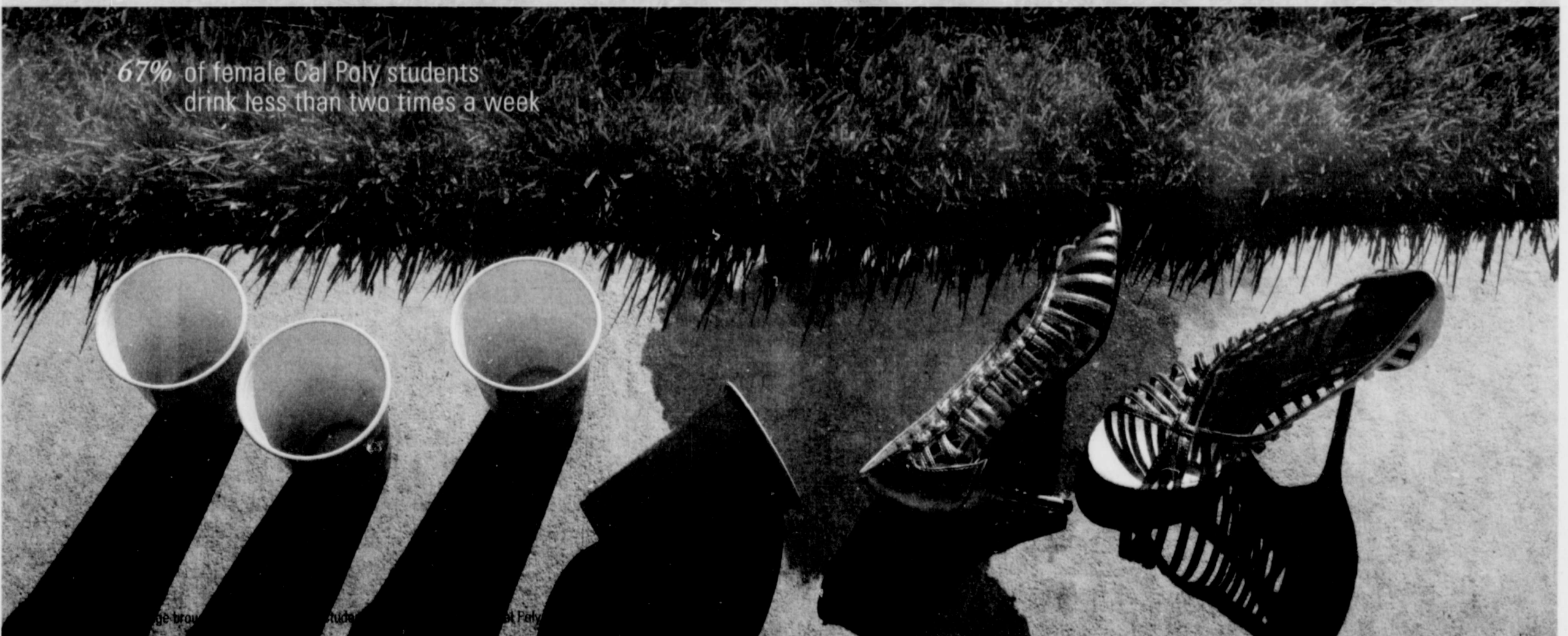
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## Under Four ... or 'walk of shame'?

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67% of female Cal Poly students  
drink less than two times a week





## State briefs

**MORRO BAY** — The medical marijuana dispensary shut down by Atascadero city officials has found a new home in Morro Bay.

Central Coast Compassionate Caregivers obtained a business license and expects to open April 1 on Monterey Street, the cooperative's lawyer Louis Koory said. "I think they decided to focus on the patients," instead of fighting Atascadero to remain open in the strip mall on El Camino Real, Koory said.

The pot shop has 300 customers, the attorney said.

— The Associated Press

**SAN FRANCISCO** — A former San Francisco 49ers kicker, Ray Wersching, 55, has pleaded not guilty to charges of embezzling more than \$8 million in insurance premiums, according to his attorney.

— The Associated Press

# Biodynamic practices bring out vineyard's wild side

Michelle Locke  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**GLEN ELLEN** — About this time of year, California grape growers are tilling their vineyards and checking the vines for "bud break," the green promise of spring.

And a few of them are digging up cow horns stuffed with manure that were buried through fall and winter, ready to grind them up and create a soil treatment known as Preparation 500.

It's part of a system of farming called biodynamics — the cow horns get a lot of attention, but most of the practices are about old-fashioned husbandry — and it works, say vintners who use the eco-friendly system.

"What we're seeing in the vineyards has been very positive," says Grady Wann, general manager and winemaker at Quivira Vineyards in Northern California's Sonoma County, which has been using biodynamic farming methods for more than three years.

As with organic farming, biody-



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**Mike Benziger, winegrower and general manager of the Benziger Family Winery in Sonoma Valley, stands by a model of Sonoma Mountain at the winery in Glen Ellen on Wednesday, March 2.**

namics bans the use of artificial pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers, and promotes crop and wildlife diversity to keep pest populations in a natural balance — i.e. cover crops attract insects that prey on vine-destroying bugs.

Beyond that, biodynamics views the farming operation as a living, breathing organism that is affected by lunar cycles and planetary alignment as well as seasons and times.

"The No. 1, rock-bottom foundation of biodynamics is really the personal relationship that you make with the land. That's the biggest difference," says Mike Benziger, winegrower and general manager of the Benziger Family Winery in Sonoma Valley.

Based on the writings of an Austrian philosopher named Rudolf Steiner, biodynamics goes back more than 80 years and is viewed by practitioners as a forerunner, rather than an offshoot, of the organic farming revival of the '70s.

What gives biodynamics its "out there" vibe are things like "Preparation 500," the springtime vineyard spray made from the manure-stuffed cow horns, buried over fall and winter, then ground up and mixed with water.

"Preparation 501" a mixture made from a cow horn stuffed with silica is buried over spring and summer, mixed in a similar fashion and applied in fall to make the vineyards more receptive to light and warmth.

Wann, who has a doctorate in organic chemistry, can understand the skepticism biodynamics sometimes inspires; he felt the same way at first.

But he's become convinced something good is going on in the vineyards, although he notes it's hard to say how much of that is due to the various mixtures and how much to the way the system forces growers to be in touch with the vines.

"All I know is the system that's been in place for the last three years has produced pretty dramatic results," Wann says.

Quivira and Benziger are certified as biodynamic by Philomath, Ore.-based Demeter Association, a non-profit biodynamics organization which has certified about 80 farming operations nationally, says Demeter director Jim Fulmer. Biodynamics isn't limited to vineyards, although the methods do suit that type of agriculture, he says.

Benziger's route to biodynamics started in 1996 when he was researching organic farming methods.

"I got hooked because I saw that, on one hand, you could create a healthier environment, but on the other hand, you could make really unique and authentic products," he says.

Being biodynamic means choosing properties very carefully and scrutinizing plants for early signs of trouble. "We don't have silver bullets. We don't have the ability to use any chemicals," notes Benziger.

To fight pests without chemicals, he keeps his property diverse, not just growing grapes but having other crops such as olives as well as wetlands, grasslands and gardens designed to attract beneficial insects.

In the cellar, biodynamics means not manipulating the wine, although winemakers may add a small amount of sulfites to prevent spoilage. In Benziger's caves, squares are cut into the floors exposing the gravel beneath so wines remain in touch with the natural cycles of the Earth.

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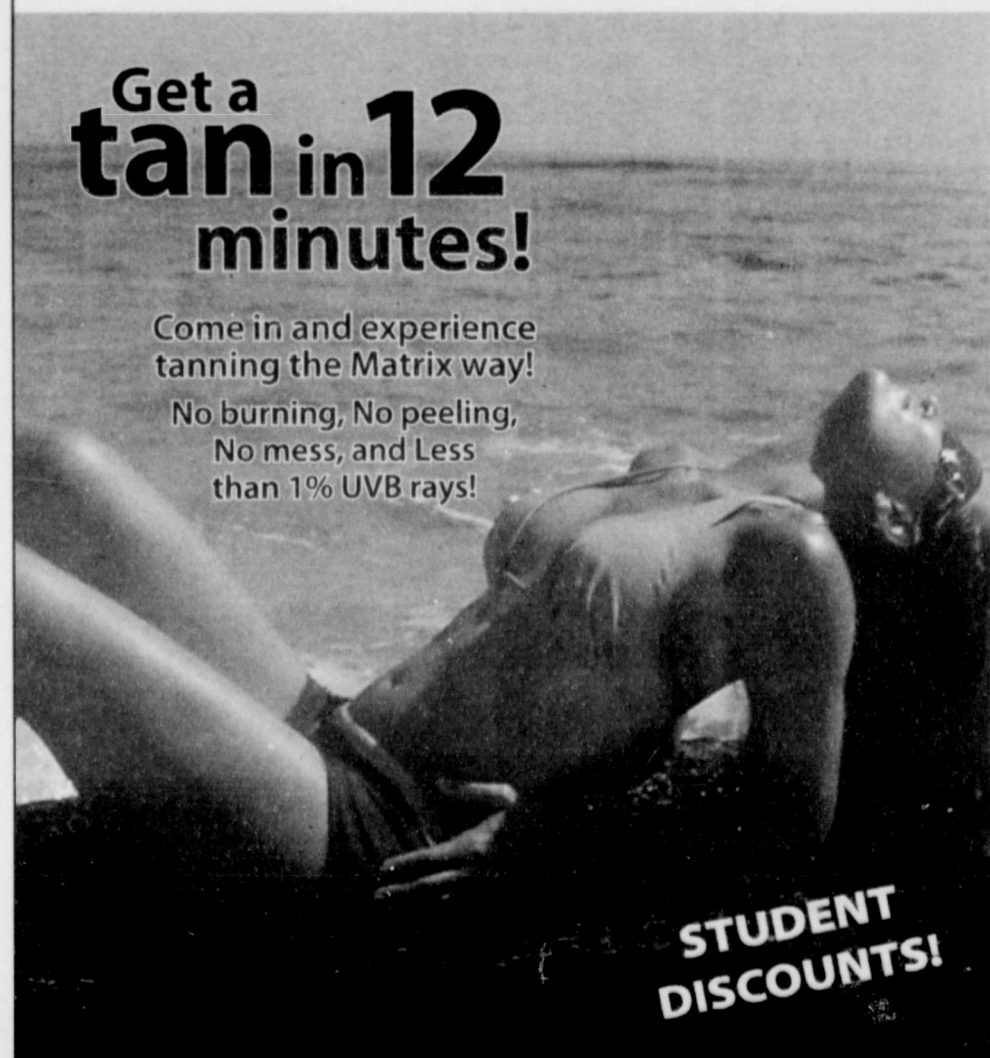
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## National briefs

**MIAMI** — Disgraced former lobbyist Jack Abramoff and a business partner were sentenced Wednesday to five years and 10 months in federal prison, the minimum they faced for fraud related to their 2000 purchase of the SunCruz Casinos gambling fleet. Abramoff and Adam Kidan both pleaded guilty to conspiracy and wire fraud, but they won't have to report to prison immediately.

— *The Associated Press*

**WASHINGTON** — The Senate gave lopsided approval Wednesday to scandal-inspired legislation restricting lobbyist gift-giving and making lobbying activities more open.

Critics said the measure fell short of steps needed to restore the integrity of Congress in the eyes of the public.

The Senate bill emphasizes disclosure of lobbying contacts rather than new rules, and Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, said this increased openness would "make a big difference" in enhancing public confidence.

— *The Associated Press*

**BALTIMORE** — The government set tighter gas mileage rules Wednesday for pickups and sport utility vehicles, including bulky SUVs like the Hummer H2 and Chevrolet Suburban, responding to rising concern about the supply and cost of energy from abroad.

The new fuel economy rules, covering 2008 through 2011, would save 10.7 billion gallons of fuel over the lifetime of the vehicles sold during that period and take a more aggressive stance than an administration proposal issued last summer, officials said.

— *The Associated Press*

## Prosecution says Moussaoui killed with his lies; defense points to federal blunders before Sept. 11

Matthew Barakat  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**ALEXANDRIA, Va.** — The death-penalty case against al-Qaida conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui went to the jury Wednesday after the prosecution asserted his lies were responsible for deaths Sept. 11, 2001, and the defense argued he had no part in the plot.

The nine men and three women on the jury will decide whether Moussaoui bears blame for at least one death that day. If so, a second phase of the trial will open that will determine whether he deserves to be executed.

If not sentenced to execution, the 37-year-old Frenchman will spend the rest of his life in prison.

"Zacarias Moussaoui came to this country to kill as many Americans as he could," prosecutor David Raskin said, wrapping up a case that saw Moussaoui make the startling claim — disputed by his own lawyers — that he was to have piloted a fifth hijacked plane Sept. 11 and flown it into the White House.

"Instead he killed people by lying and concealing the plot...that resulted in the worst terrorist attack in the country's history."

Raskin said Moussaoui lied "with lethal intent" when he failed to tell federal agents after his arrest in August 2001 about his al-Qaida membership and the plot to kill Americans using hijacked aircraft.

Defense lawyer Edward MacMahon countered that his client was merely an "al-Qaida hanger-on" who had nothing to do with Sept. 11. He accused the prosecution of trivializing bureaucratic blunders that might have prevented the Sept. 11 plot from being exposed.

"Moussaoui was never involved other than in his dreams," MacMahon said, trying to minimize damage that Moussaoui might have done to himself when he claimed on the stand that he was to have crashed a plane into the White House on Sept. 11.

"The government cannot prove a hypothetical, what would have happened if Moussaoui had not lied," he said. "We will never know what could have happened in the 25 days between Moussaoui's arrest and Sept. 11."

He said of his client: "He's now trying to write a role for himself in history when in reality he's an al-Qaida hanger-on."

Moussaoui watched the closing arguments impassively but shouted "Victory to Moussaoui, God curse America," during a recess after the judge and jury had left the room. The recess preceded U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema's instructions to the jury.

Prosecutors contended that if Moussaoui had told the truth after his arrest, investigators could have tracked down 11 of the 19 hijackers. "The FBI would have had the names, the phone numbers, and their addresses in some cases," Raskin said.

The bottom line, he said, was that, "He chose Osama bin Laden and because of that, 2,900 are dead."

MacMahon challenged the assertion that Moussaoui had led investigators on a goose chase with his deceptions. He said, for example, that the government had the identities of two of the hijackers 18 months before Sept. 11 when they were on U.S. soil — men who had been previously under CIA surveillance in Malaysia — and still did nothing.

## NEW ORLEANS BEATING



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Attorney Joe Bruno, right, holds the door for Robert Davis, 64, whose beating by police on Oct. 8, 2005 was caught on videotape, arrives at court to testify before a state grand jury in New Orleans on Wednesday.

## Three New Orleans police officers indicted in videotaped beating

Mary Foster  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**NEW ORLEANS** — Two fired New Orleans police officers and one current officer were indicted Wednesday in the videotaped beating of a retired teacher in the French Quarter last fall.

The Oct. 8 beating of Robert Davis, 64, was caught on videotape by an Associated Press Television News crew covering the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Earlier, the grand jury had heard from Davis, who told reporters as he entered the courthouse that he barely remembers the attack and would not be able to recognize the officers who beat him. But Davis said he thought the three men deserved stiffer charges than the misdemeanor offenses they were originally charged with.

Robert Evangelist, 36, was charged with false imprisonment while armed with a dangerous weapon and second-degree battery; Lance Schilling, 29, was charged with second-degree battery; and Stewart Smith, 50, was charged with simple battery, according to a statement from District Attorney Eddie Jordan.

Evangelist and Schilling were fired after the incident; Smith was suspended but remains with the police force.

False imprisonment, the most serious of the charges, carries a penalty of up to 10 years in prison. Second-degree battery is punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$2000 fine, Jordan said. Simple battery is a misdemeanor with a maximum sentence of

six months in prison and a \$500 fine.

Davis spent more than an hour testifying about the beating, which left him lying on the street, hands cuffed and blood flowing from his head and face. Afterward, he told reporters that he still has headaches and back problems and even had to interrupt his testimony to take medicine.

"It went all right," he said, adding, "but I can't tell you anything. I've been sworn to secrecy."

The retired elementary school teacher said he was "a private citizen here on business returning to my home. There was no need for what happened."

He said he had returned to the storm-struck city to check on his property and was looking for a place to buy cigarettes in the French Quarter when police grabbed him.

The videotape shows an officer hitting Davis at least four times on the head. Davis twisted and flailed as he was dragged to the ground by four officers. One officer knelt Davis and punched him twice, and Davis is shown face-down on the sidewalk with blood streaming down his arm and into a gutter.

Smith had ordered APTN producer Rich Matthews and the cameraman to stop recording. When Matthews held up his credentials, the officer grabbed him, jabbed him in the stomach and delivered a profanity-laced tirade.

Evangelist and Schilling were charged with battery against Davis, and Smith was charged with battery against a reporter.

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# 'Vendetta' for the political masses

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"V for Vendetta," the latest offering from the Wachowski brothers, depicts a dystopian British society on the brink of a revolution. The film provides a good balance between drama, science fiction and action.

Hugo Weaving plays V, a mysterious masked vigilante with a vengeful agenda with the spirit and attire of the historical Guy Fawkes. On the night he begins a yearlong plan to incite civil upheaval, he rescues a young woman named Evey from some dirty cops. Evey, boldly played by Natalie Portman, joins

V to watch as bombs and fireworks he set detonate in the city. Authorities link Evey with V's plot because of her family's past, and she is forced into hiding with him.

As he carries out each step to undermine the government's control, police investigator Finch (Stephen Rea) helps uncover V's motivation is not merely political, but personal revenge as well. Evey consistently questions V's actions, but she eventually becomes an integral part of them. The shocking and action-packed climax shows that each character's involvement is no coincidence.

Portman gives a dynamic performance as Evey. She delicately portrays the contrasting

feelings she has for V throughout the film, as well as her transition from victim to accomplice to soldier. Her British accent is questionable at times, but not enough to be distracting.

The audience never sees V's face. Weaving does what he can as the voice behind the mask to ensure V's madness appears justified. Some of V's ramblings about revolution, poetry and using words that start with the letter "v" are unintelligible and overdone. His creepy costume is offset by his smooth skills with the knives that are his weapons of choice.

Screenwriters Andy Wachowski and Larry Wachowski, known for writing and directing the Matrix trilogy, seem to have tailored this

comic book story from the 1980s into a commentary on the state of world events today. V is dubbed a terrorist against a totalitarian government. He blows up buildings and assassinates who he deems to be evil leaders as he works toward starting a revolution. The Wachowskis blatantly show the government's use of spin and the media to control people, mimicking familiar real-life personalities. V's logo is even strikingly similar to the anarchy "A."

It's worth the trip to the big screen, but be wary that you might leave the theater with your fist raised and thoughts of revolution stirring inside you.

## 'SNL' digital shorts are long on humor

Meg Charlton

THE HOYA (GEORGETOWN)

WASHINGTON — Oh, Natalie, you badass. Who knew that beneath that Harvard graduate, pixie cut, body-of-a-12-year-old-boy exterior lay the soul of a gangsta?

On the March 4 episode of "Saturday Night Live," the weekly "Digital Short" featured Queen Amidala herself rapping her way to Internet immortality with "A Day in the Life of Natalie Portman." So, "Lazy Sunday" fans: Keep your "Magnolia" and Mr. Pibb. I'll take Ms. Portman's homicidal tendencies and alleged "yay snorting" any day of the week.

Yes, two nerdy guys rhyming about cupcakes is amusing and, yes, their lyrics are clever, but the sheer absurdity of "A Day in the Life" provokes far more laughs than its wittier counterpart.

What makes this video comedy gold is the juxtaposition of tiny, delicate, smarty-pants Portman responding to

standard interview questions with a hard-core rap about sex, drugs and killing dogs for fun. Watching her scream and writhe with total commitment to the ridiculous premise is what prevents the skit from bordering on the embarrassing. She throws herself into the rap with no holds barred, to the point that viewers begin to imagine that maybe this is the real Natalie.

Disciples of the "Chronic-What!-cles" will find solace in the ever-hilarious presence of Chris "Parns" Parnell. His straight-faced impersonation of an obsequious fame-worshiper centers the skit and provides the set-up for Portman's dead-pan zinger, "I never said I was a role model." She delivers the line with such understated viciousness it almost redeems

her for "Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith." Almost.

But what makes the video a true classic is when the force behind "SNL's" digital revolution, Andy Samberg rolls up in a Viking costume and joins in for the final chorus, telling Portman, "My d-ck is scared of you."

So is mine, Natalie. So is mine.

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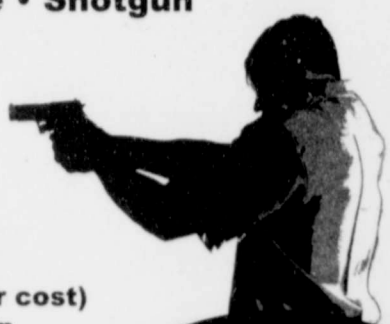
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## The crossroads of your early 20's

Just before pulling away and watching everything I had known for the first 21 years of my life disappear in my rearview mirror, my Dad offered me some wisdom that though incomprehensible at the time, I knew someday would bring great clarity.

Hiding tears behind his wire-framed spectacles, he grasped my shoulders. I could see there was so much he wanted to say but couldn't, I saw his struggle as he told me that in leaving, my life would change in many ways I would never imagine. Knowing that I had never been one who dealt well with change, he told me that the one inevitable thing in life was change, and thus, it should be something to embrace.

Leaving everything behind and coming to a college as a transfer brought with it a unique experience. Loneliness, fear, excitement and the entire gamut of likely freshman feelings were experi-

enced.

Stuck between two places, I fought change and held onto home so tightly that I missed out on the present. Like many who leave family and friends back home, I struggled with the changes of leaving them behind. On weekends I would make the trip home in hopes of returning to the life I had left behind. Yet, life continued to change while I was gone.

Separating from a group of 10, I was the only one to leave home in pursuit of an education. I was locked onto the past, I fought college life, leaving home crushed as everything I had known was now foreign. What was once a life of endless nights and unity was now full-time jobs and the proverbial nose to the grindstone attitude.

Just as I had known the day I left, the time would come when my father's weighted words would be fully understood. Lost in thought one afternoon as I relaxed in my front porch hammock, my thoughts were abruptly broken by the mailman handing me a silver-lined letter bearing my name.

As I slid my finger down the envelope, breaking its adhesive, I couldn't help but wonder what news the letter contained. Slipping the small card out of its envelope, I found an invitation to an engagement party for a friend back home and his new fiancé.

Staring at the embossed letters, I drifted into a state of reflection. It was early September and I could feel the sting of summer on my skin. I was leaving for college, leaving everything I knew in pursuit of an education as my father was again offering his closing words of wisdom.

I suddenly realized the significance of my father's wisdom had never rang truer.

A new sense of understanding seemed to fall on me that afternoon. I remembered my parents telling me that the day would come when friends would start getting married, having children and buying homes.

But much like the thought of

graduation that always seemed too distant to worry about, the thought of friends getting married, having children, buying homes and growing up also seemed too far away to concern me.

But it was that petite letter that evoked an introspective realization of my defiance to the realities of

growing up. I was holding onto the past so tightly I couldn't even see the changes taking place all around me.

I realized that the lives of every one of my friends who stayed home to pursue their careers instead of college seemed accelerated.

Whether it be the influence of our small old-world town or not, I realized everyone from back home was already working their 9-5's, buying homes, talking about marriage and children, and ready to start their adult lives.

Like a weighted blow to the chest, I realized that in leaving for college, my life had taken a vastly different path. Not better or more right, just different. When they were consumed with reception plans and mortgage payments, I was cramming for midterms and worrying about what class to take.

It was then that I began to feel the societal pressures of the post-college expectations to be successful. The friends at home had abundant financial reserves, new shiny cars and were trying to start families. But me, I was

broke, still drove my old trusty Toyota pick-up and wanted to experience the world before settling down.

Was I foolish for wanting to taste life on the run instead of buying real estate and starting my adult life?

College only seemed to further ignite my desires to chase my crazy dreams before settling down.

On top of feeling lost as to what the correct path should be, I was scared of the coming graduation and the looming reality of the "real world" lurking just beyond the cap and gown.

Being a student in your early 20s brings interesting dilemmas. While others back home have already established careers and are buying homes, we haven't started our careers yet and are still broke.

Yet, despite the lack of funds, we still have the freedom to float through life sans mortgage pay-

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# The Ataris kick-off spring UU Hour



Kris Roe, front, and John Collura, front left, will be playing an acoustic set for UU Hour today from 11 a.m. to noon. In the back, from right to left, Chris Knapp and Mike Davenport left the band in late 2004.

The Ataris show is just the start to an improved UU Hour lineup this quarter, including performances by The Clarks and Resination

**Brittney Peloquin**

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University Union Hour promises to be better than ever this quarter as it kicks off this week with rockers The Ataris.

The band, most recently known for their 2003 cover of Don Henley's "The Boys of Summer," from their last album "So Long, Astoria," comes to Cal Poly today as one of the last stops on their current acoustic tour before heading overseas.

"I'm totally jazzed they're playing here," psychology sophomore Aimee Hamilton said. "I hope people come out and support them so we can get some other good bands."

The band's forthcoming album, "Welcome the Night," features a completely different side of the band, reflecting a more mature sound compared to The Ataris' hits like "San Dimas High School Football Rules."

But The Ataris show is just the beginning of what the ASI Events staff plans to offer for this quarter's UU Hour.

In the past, the weekly entertainment usually featured local bands, student bands or small acts passing through town looking for exposure. While this gives Cal Poly stu-

dents a chance to hear up-and-coming music, they are trying to bring in bigger acts based on recent feedback.

Nicole Stivers, student supervisor for marketing and public relations and journalism senior, said they are trying to use resources to bring in more established bands.

"We love to see students out there having a good time, and we're excited that we're able to do that," she said. "We want it to be fun, even if it's just background music while you hang out with your friends."

She also commented that the events staff always welcomes suggestions for entertainment.

Another band appearing this quarter is The Clarks, a popular East Coast guitar rock band that has played shows nationally with John Mayer, O.A.R. and Gavin DeGraw. Resination, a local reggae band that has previously played UU Hour, will appear again in May.

ASI also welcomes other groups to use the hour as an opportunity for a variety of clubs and organizations to gain exposure or put on events. Upcoming weekly entertainment will include a Remember Week presentation, Greek Week events and a Cinco de Mayo Celebration.

UU Hour is every Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon starting today.

In the event of rain, The Ataris will play at Backstage Pizza.

For more information, visit [asi.calpoly.edu/events](http://asi.calpoly.edu/events).

March 30	April 6	April 13	April 20	April 27	May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25	June 1
The Ataris	Remember Week		ASI Election Debate		Resination		Raining Jane		
The Clarks			Greek Week		Cinco De Mayo		Pre-Culture Fest Show		
								Damon Castillo Band	

## Velvet Rope

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ments, two-week vacations and immense responsibility.

I now find myself caught between two places yet again. Instead of holding onto the past for fear of the present, I now find myself struggling to cram in all the present for fear of the future.

With graduation on the horizon, I find that being in my early 20s, I'm at an interesting crossroad in my life. On one hand, I am scared of what the future will bring

because school has been my life for as long as I can remember.

On the other hand, I feel the struggle between freely chasing my wild dreams and finding a career as quickly as possible.

Lost in the sea of decisions ahead of me, I have come to realize that, despite my doubts, there isn't a wrong answer.

Instead, as I relax in my hammock enjoying the warm sunshine, I realize that when I reach that door to the "real world," I will open it without fear.

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**SEX COLUMN**

## No love in downtown SLO

In a recent article entitled "Urban Unrest," the New Times reported on a group of wily and hyper-offended SLO residents (my description) who want Urban Outfitters — our first cool store in, I'll venture, a decade — to get rid of their inappropriate book selection.

One mother claimed she was "shocked" at books like "350 Best Sex Tips Ever" and "Position of the Day Playbook," which are featured on tables amongst clothes racks and the hip décor (I purchased the latter book the second I saw it, for the record).

Although the overprotection and anal levels are off the charts, it just proves a bigger problem that seems to be sweeping the town: SLO citizens are afraid of sex.

I say SLO citizens because most Cal Poly students consider themselves students of the university, living (for a temporary amount of time) in the city of SLO.

We, gentle friends, clearly do not fear sex — just ask the patient nurse practitioners at the Health Center. Rather, it's the inhabitants of San Luis Obispo, many of whom graduated from Cal Poly, that get up in arms the second sex enters our small community.

Examples include the brouhaha made over the "racy" displays of lingerie in the Victoria's Secret windows (for the record, again, I find Victoria's Secret way too tame for my taste) and the cancellation of the Mardi Gras parade, which flaunted sex and booze.

But why is sex always made out to be the bad guy?

In Grover Beach two weeks ago some wacko killed two innocent men and wounded others before turning the gun on himself in Denny's. In Shandon, a man was shot three times by an unknown suspect while driving a friend home over the weekend.

Personally, I never heard of anyone taking multiple lives in seconds with their respective genitalia. But no one seems to care when violent movies appear at Downtown Cinemas or video games glamorizing violence sell out

at Best Buy.

I don't really care about the gun stuff myself, but that logically seems like the bigger threat to our innocent children than a book of fun positions.

Now that I'm 21, I feel like I know everything there is to know about sex (don't we all?). But I didn't when I was 13, and I don't believe that 13 year olds should.

Julie Wilson, one of the groups organizers, said kids that age, as quoted in the New Times, "...don't need to see that stuff," in reference to the naughty books on display.

They probably don't need to, but it's just like the slippery slope fallacy that claims anyone who smells marijuana smoke will enter the gateway and become a smack addict.

A middle schooler leafing through a book on sex doesn't fertilize the egg, lady.

The oft embarrassing sex talk parents have with children usually involves the phrase, "Sex is a beautiful thing between a man and a woman."

And any of us who has ever taken a break from the kink knows that slow and loving

sex is a very beautiful thing.

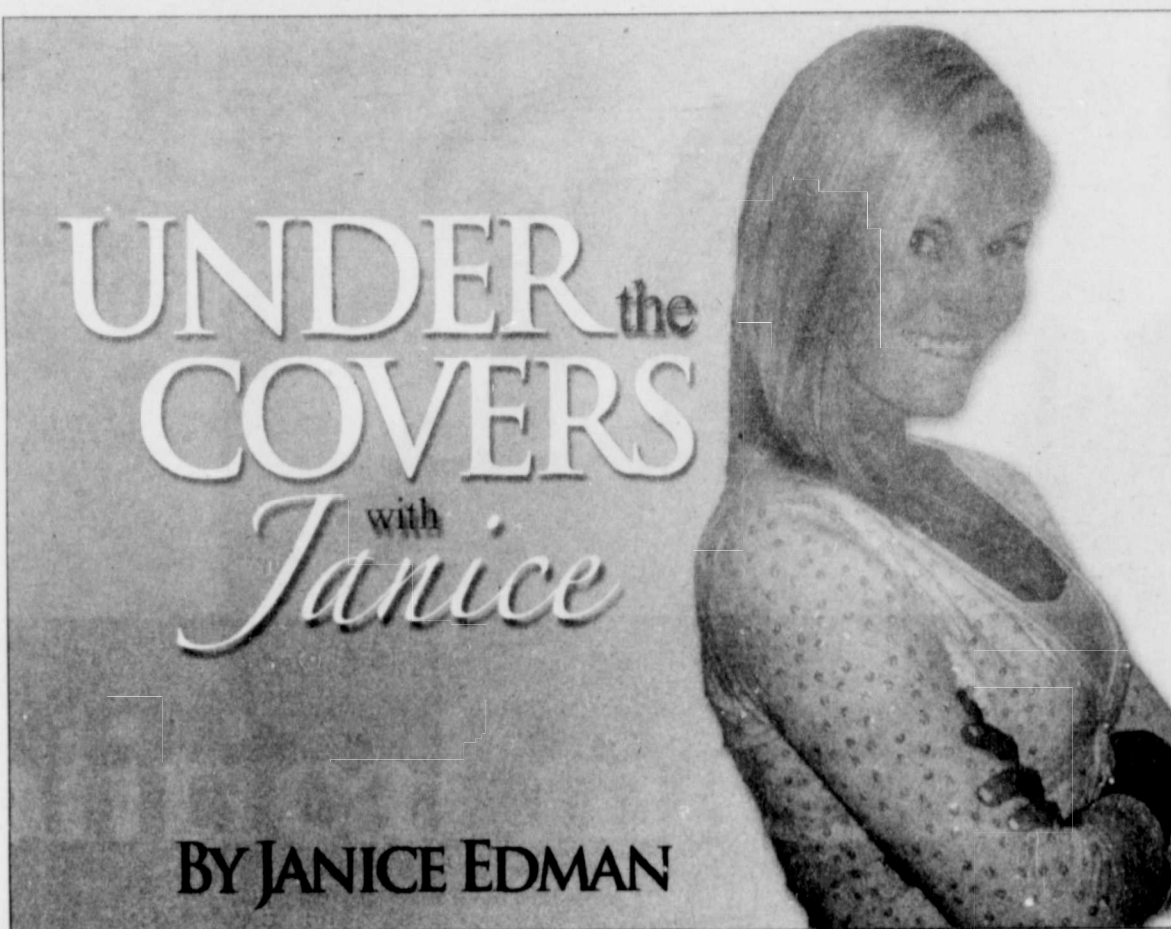
So why is it feared? Why would a ten year old care about the lingerie in the window of a store? Why would an adolescent be scarred by seeing a book about how to have good sex?

Therefore I propose a counter protest to the narrow minded folks who demonstrated at Urban Outfitters.

We must present a voice that defines sex as a beautiful and necessary act humans engage in that can even be humorous too.

Go buy those "dirty" books, and tell any child you know: sex is not the enemy.

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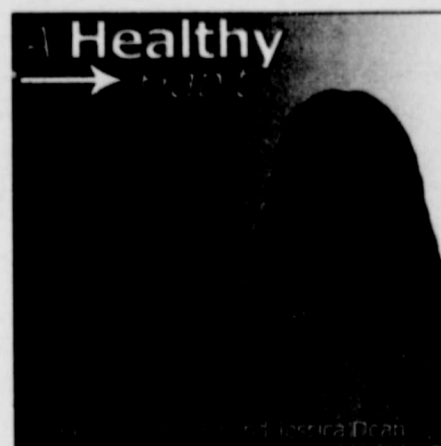
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## SEX COLUMN

## Sex and drug themes: A free ride to a household name

When I walk into an Urban Outfitters, usually it's in search of overpriced T-shirts with Russian Coke advertisements and lame puns plastered to their fronts. When I stumble instead upon books like "Spliffs 2," "How Animals Have Sex" or Sex Flashcards, I'm not offended — I'm confused. It's like going to Michaels, The Arts and Crafts Store for silk flowers and finding a row of purple dildos tucked beneath the garlands. It's like going to a baseball game and getting panties thrown at you by the vendor instead of foot-long hot-dogs. Simply, it's getting what you didn't expect. The store markets itself as a clothier for men and women of ages 18 to 30 (a group that shops for itself). But that demographic exists only in fine print, and, as was demonstrated in SLO, it won't keep parents and their tykes out of a trendy store.

As an adult, the subject matter doesn't shock me, but it doesn't particularly interest me either. I don't need to pay \$25 in a trendy retail store to read about sexuality in an incendiary book. I have mature friends I can talk sex with, I have a cornucopia of provocatively clad Cal Poly ladies, and every once in a while I even get to do it. Besides, the voice and tone in those books suggest to me that they were either written by high school dropouts or chimpanzees with typewriters.

It worries me, though, that the authors might purposefully be writing down to the reading level of teenagers, which offends me since that would contradict Urban Outfitters' alleged marketing group. As for protesters, I

disagree with the severity of their indignance, but I agree with their point: Urban Outfitters needs to make a better effort to keep young kids from being exposed to this stuff.

There are easy solutions. Just like when I was a little kid at the movie store with my mommy, I tried to sprint past the red curtains into the adult section to peep at the pornos. My mom's arm was longer than my legs and somehow she always snatched me up before I could get a

glimpse of any little boy's gold — boobies. I also remember a store called The Look which sold all sorts of gag gifts and questionable mer-

chandise, similar to items found in Urban Outfitters. The Look's solution was to keep everything acceptable on the first floor and

everything raunchier on the second (guarded by a very mean-looking lady with short hair and leather clothes).

As far as 18 to 30-year-olds go, I hope nobody really buys that crap. Or at least, they buy very little of it. At best, stuff like that is fun for a chuckle when you read excerpts to each other

as you pass through the store, browsing at the clothing you were there for anyways. At worst, it offends parents who control the cash flow

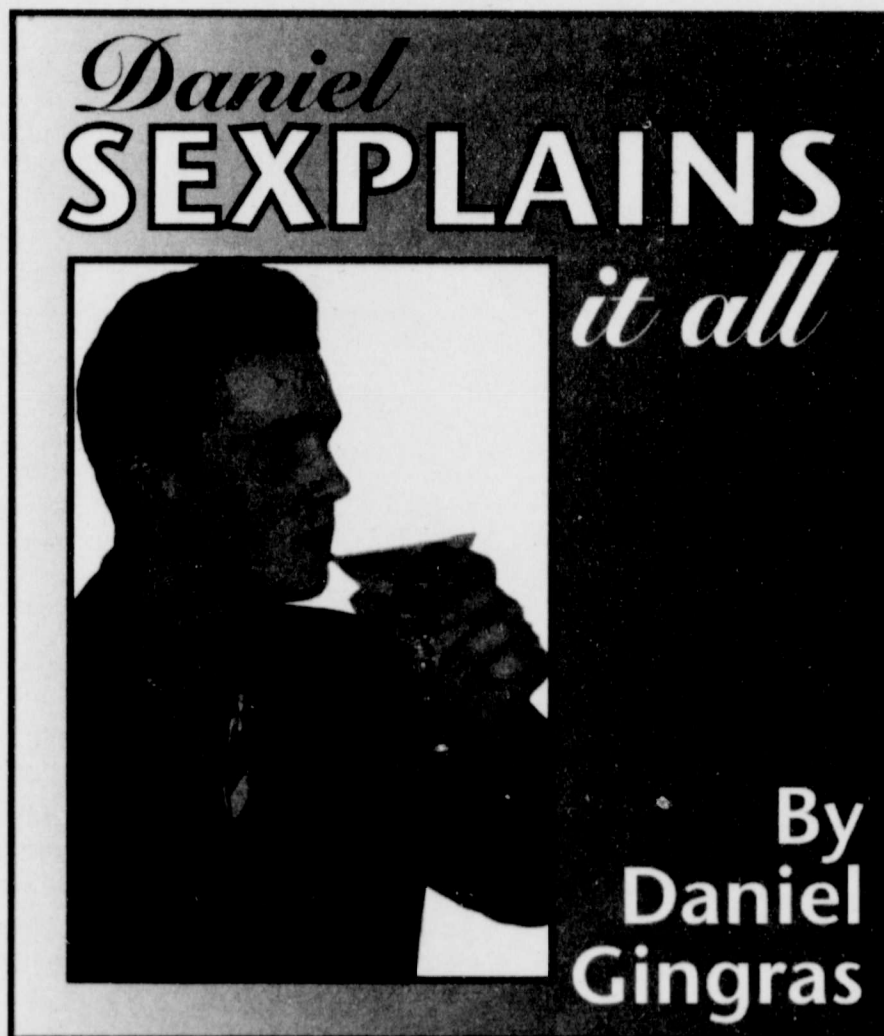
for an abundance of desirous young shoppers. But, Urban Outfitters must not need their money.

The store has gone through this time and time again, and knows by now that some of their products cause real distress. In March 2004, Catholics in Pennsylvania protested a dress-up Jesus doll by picketing outside a mall. In November 2005, the Troy Community Coalition in Detroit urged a boycott because of products that glamorized drinking, drugs, and sex.

Urban Outfitters has even gotten flack for racist T-shirts. One that read "New Mexico: Cleaner than regular Mexico" ruffled feathers in July 2005. And the one constant throughout the controversy? Urban Outfitters employees are not allowed to remove merchandise designated for sale, and the store representatives never return calls in time for news stories, or (it seems) at all.

And finally I realize it. Cleverly but obtrusively placed sex and drug-themed items have put Urban Outfitters in the spotlight, and as a result, Urban Outfitters has thrived in the past 35 years and has become a household name. The negative associations are mild enough that the press becomes invaluable. Like a misbehaving child, negative attention is better than no attention at all.

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## COMMENTARY

## Tanning: The facts will wrinkle your brow

Christine Forster  
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OXFORD, Miss. — Finally! Spring has arrived... maybe. (We can only hope.) I have come to this conclusion not necessarily because of the pleasant temperature but because of the rapid increase of girls clad in teeny shorts around campus.

Now, according to my calculations, spring has been here approximately two days — a time period in no way commensurate to the darkness of the aforementioned girls' tans. Therefore, with my knowledge of logic (learned from master logician Robert Barnard, Ph.D.), I must assume that, for the most part, these tans were acquired by unnatural means. Only one explanation suffices — the tanning bed.

Tanning has always been a touchy subject for me. By touchy, I mean the immense amounts of pain and suffering I've inflicted on myself every time I've tried to tan. I was young and stupid; I wanted to rebel against it all — against parents, against paleness, against sunblock.

It ended in tragedy. The next day I was still young and stupid, but as a bonus, I was burned — so burned I couldn't raise my arms. At the time I cursed my inability to tan, but as I look back on those experiences (with minimal bitterness), I realize that my skin has done me a huge favor.

Basically, tanning is dangerous. There's no way to avoid this fact because, well, it's a fact. Everyone knows tanning leads to greatly increased chances of melanoma, not to mention premature wrinkling and the gradual leathering of your skin until it closely resembles that unwanted, unloved leather purse forever present at the Salvation Army — you know, the one that's so ugly that you actually feel sorry for an inanimate object. Yet, the

number of girls (and guys) striving for a Mediterranean glow is steadily increasing. Why? While the question of why people do harmful things to themselves still remains to be largely inexplicable, in this particular instance I believe the answer lies in society. A century ago, only the workers of the world had tans; paleness equaled status, and those who had it went to great lengths to keep it (hence the bonnets and those ridiculous parasols). Now, however, the tables have turned, and everyone is rushing to the nearest beach or salon to be hot and look hot.

Like most things promoted by our society, tanning is unhealthy, especially for those using tanning beds. I'm sure you've heard from the salons or commercials that tanning in a bed is much safer because you don't get burned; this, like most things commercials tell you, is a lie.

While it's true that tanning beds use UVA waves (the half of the UV wave that doesn't cause an actual burn), UVA waves are still heavily linked to malignant skin cancer and a weaker immune system. I would actually consider UVA tanning to be far more dangerous, since you can bombard your body with the same amount of radiation without

the pain of a burn.

In addition, repeated tanning in beds can lead to damaged corneas or the development of cataracts. Those who tan outside are much more likely to protect their eyes, since it's easy to realize your eyelids are burning; but with those handy UVA rays, no burning sensation is noticeable.

There is all this talk about tanning beds, though, and none about tanning the old-fashioned way — basking like a lizard in the sun. If you're one who firmly believes in the motto "no pain, no gain" when it comes to tanning, I applaud your work ethic, but I'm sad to say you're still going to get the cancer. The sun, while being the sustainer of all life on Earth, can also be, for less careful humans, a Death Star.



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You don't want to die from melanoma at age 50, do you? Of course not. You don't ever want to have your skin compared to a saddle, do you? Of course not. To avoid finding yourself in these situations, resist the urge. Stay away from the tanning beds whenever possible. If you go out in the sun often, especially with scant or no clothing (if you're wearing no clothing, make sure it's not in public; I've heard that's illegal), try to use sunscreen as much as possible.

I know sunscreen is the new seat belt, (if you wear it, you're "not cool") but I think it's worth the sacrifice. You're bound to get somewhat of a tan by default; besides, we've all seen that girl who is far too tan for her complexion. And you don't want to be that girl, do you? Of course not.



# Alabama joins growing number of states looking to ban abortions

Katie Stallcup

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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Alabama has joined a growing number of states that are considering bills to ban almost all abortions in direct defiance of *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 Supreme Court decision that made abortion a constitutional right.

State Sen. Hank Erwin, R-Montevallo, and Rep. Nick Williams, R-McIntosh, are sponsoring a bill in the state Legislature that would ban all abortions except for those needed to save the mother's life. The bill has no exceptions for rape or incest.

The bill is similar to an abortion ban enacted in South Dakota last month. Similar legislation is being considered in a number of other

states, including Mississippi, Tennessee and Georgia.

"It is a very strong bill," Erwin said Tuesday. "And it is a statement to say that we're going to address the issues of trying to protect issue of unborn children. We need to do everything in the world to help that baby get into the world and experience the American dream."

The two identical bills, introduced last month, are in committee for discussions, Erwin said. The Senate bill is in the judiciary committee for debate. The committee held a hearing on the bill Tuesday, Erwin said.

"It was a very passionate public hearing," Erwin said. "I'm not against debate. It's an issue we need to deal with, and all voices and opinions are welcome."

Williams said his bill makes performing an abortion a felony.

"I feel very strongly about abortion personally," he said.

With the regular legislative session coming to a close, the bills are not given much chance of passing.

"It's still easier to kill something in the legislature than pass it," said William Stewart, former chairman of the UA Political Science Department. "And if you have a substantial minority opposed to it, it won't pass. There are a lot of bills that seem to have substantial support but don't pass."

But supporters say they expect to keep trying, particularly if Republicans are successful in cutting into Democratic control of the state House and Senate in November elections.

Rep. Gerald Allen, R-Tuscaloosa, said he would support the bill in the House.

"The life of an unborn child needs to be protected," Allen said Tuesday.

Allen said if a child had been conceived through rape or incest, "it is not the child's fault. It's a difficult situation to be placed in, and the child cannot help it."

Joseph Smith, a UA political science professor who specializes in constitutional law, said even if the abortion ban becomes law in Alabama and manages to make it to the Supreme Court, it would almost certainly be declared unconstitutional without exceptions for rape, incest or the health of the mother.

"That ban is clearly inconsistent with past rulings on abortion," Smith said. "Even the most conservative judge is likely to overturn a complete ban."

But ban supporters in South Dakota and the other states seem to be setting the stage for a revisiting of the *Roe v. Wade*, hoping that by the time the court considers the issue, new justices will tip the balance against the decision. Even with the addition of Bush appointees John Roberts and Samuel Alito, there is still a 5-4 vote in favor of *Roe*.

"Once the bill passes, if it is challenged, the timing of getting to the U.S. Supreme Court is critical," said John Giles, president of the Christian Coalition of Alabama, which supports the ban.

Andy Yerbey, chairman of the UA College Republicans, said he also supports the ban.

"I agree with any legislation that takes steps to the day which *Roe v. Wade* is struck down," Yerbey said. "My opinion is it was a flawed, false interpretation of the Constitution."

Matt Lewis, president of the UA College Democrats, said he does not favor abortion, but banning it would have terrible consequences.

"Banning abortions is not going to stop abortions. Women are going to be doing their own abortions with coat hangers," Lewis said.

Lewis said fixing the problem of unwanted pregnancy with comprehensive sex education rather than abstinence-based programs is a better solution.

Students had various views on the bill and what it would mean for Alabama.

Jane Robinson, a junior majoring in English, said she thought the bill was a terrible idea.

"If our legislation doesn't think women are smart enough to make their own choice, they're not serving the constituency," Robinson said. "I think there'll be a lot more lives lost if it passes. Women take things into their own hands if medical access is not available."

Will Grice, a junior majoring in political science, said he would support the bill.

"I'm kind of glad to see it happen," Grice said. "I think it's probably something that needs to be visited by the Supreme Court. It could be an opportunity to give the issue back to the states."

Liz Smith, a freshman majoring in public relations, said she does not think abortion is right, but it's an individual choice.

"I'm a Christian, so I'm against it, but I think a woman should have the right to decide," Smith said. "They shouldn't tell a woman what to do. It's her body."

Cassandra Madden, a freshman majoring in accounting, said the Alabama bill at least needs to exempt rape victims.

"I don't agree with abortion, but they shouldn't limit it that much," she said.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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## International briefs

**PARIS** — An Algerian was convicted and sentenced to 10 years in prison Wednesday for his role in a deadly series of terror attacks.

A Paris criminal court convicted Rachid Ramda of acting as a banker for, and giving logistical support to, Algerian terrorists who bombed the Paris subway in 1995.

Ramda, who operated from Britain, was the subject of a 10-year extradition battle with authorities in London, who finally handed him to France in December.

— The Associated Press

**TORONTO** — Canada said Wednesday it was suspending assistance to the Palestinian Authority because the new Hamas-led government refuses to renounce violence and recognize Israel. Hamas responded that Ottawa's decision was hasty and unfair.

It was the first government besides Israel to cut off financial assistance to the Palestinian Authority since Hamas won the legislative elections in January, and other nations were expected to follow suit.

— The Associated Press

**SIDE, Turkey** — Thousands of skygazers gathered in an ancient temple of Apollo and let out cheers Wednesday as a total solar eclipse turned day into twilight, casting an eerie blue glow across the sky and the Mediterranean Sea.

NASA astronomers handed out protective glasses to hundreds of Turkish children before the eclipse cut a dark swath across the sky — a band that stretched from Brazil, across West Africa, Turkey and Central Asia, then disappeared at sunset in Mongolia.

The last total solar eclipse was in November 2003, but that was best viewed from sparsely populated Antarctica. Wednesday's eclipse blocked the sun in highly populated areas.

— The Associated Press

**KANDAHAR, Afghanistan** — Taliban militants launched a rare attack on a coalition base in southern Afghanistan Wednesday, killing an American and a Canadian soldier and sparking fierce U.S.-led retaliation that left 32 insurgents dead in the bloodiest fighting in months.

The attack came a day after at least 10 people were killed in two separate roadside bombings and reflected a growing intensity of militant assaults after the Taliban warned of a renewed offensive this year.

"Over the last five or six weeks there have been various proven attacks mainly at night by the Taliban on that base, but I think it is fair to say this is the largest we have seen thus far," British spokesman Col. Chris Vernon told reporters in Kandahar.

— The Associated Press

## Palestinian president swears in 14 ex-prisoners to Hamas Cabinet

Sarah El Deeb  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip** — Hamas formally took power Wednesday, with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas swearing in 24 Cabinet ministers, including 14 who served time in Israeli prisons.

Soon after the ceremony Canada announced it was suspending aid to the cash-strapped Palestinian Authority, and other nations were expected to follow suit.

Foreign Affairs Minister Peter MacKay said Canada had no choice but to suspend assistance and decline any contact with the new Hamas Cabinet.

"The stated platform of this government has not addressed the concerns raised by Canada and others concerning nonviolence, the recognition of Israel and acceptance of previous agreements and obligations, including the roadmap for peace," MacKay said.

"As a result, Canada will have no contact with the members of the Hamas Cabinet and is suspending assistance to the Palestinian Authority."

However, Ottawa emphasized it would continue giving humanitarian aid to the Palestinian people through U.N. and nongovernment organizations.

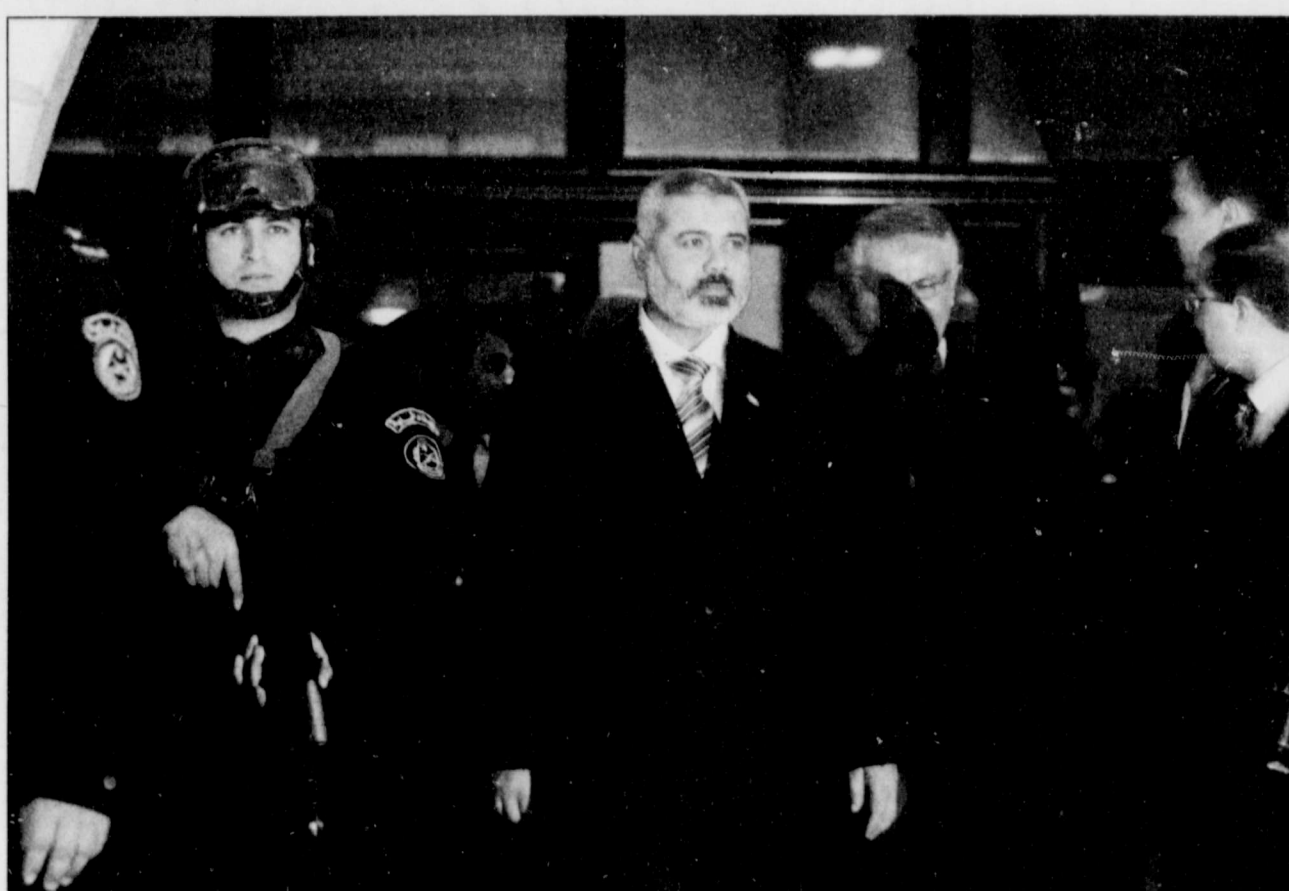
U.S. State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said the United States is looking for ways to get humanitarian aid to the Palestinian people, but "we are not going to provide funds to a terrorist organization. And we are not going to provide U.S. funds to a Hamas-led government."

With Hamas now at the helm, the Palestinian government faces a crippling international economic boycott, and may run into immediate difficulties next week when March salaries are to be paid for some 140,000 government employees.

The Palestinian Authority gets a large part of its approximately \$1.9 billion annual budget from overseas sources. Without money from the Arab world, Europe and the United States, a Hamas-led government would be nearly broke.

The newly installed Palestinian Information Minister, Youssef Rizka, called the Canadian action "hasty" and said it "shows obvious bias."

"What we need from the Canadian government is that it ask the Israeli authorities to admit that they are occupying Palestinian land," he told The Associated Press.



Newly installed Palestinian Prime Minister Ismail Haniya, center, is surrounded by Hamas security as he leaves with members of his new cabinet from the offices of Palestinian leader Mahmud Abbas, after a swearing in ceremony in Gaza City on Wednesday.

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Wednesday's swearing-in ceremony came just a day after Israel's election and drew clear lines of confrontation. Hamas says it will not soften its violent platform and Israel's victorious Kadima Party says if that is the case, Israel will set the borders of a Palestinian state itself, without negotiations, and keep large areas of the West Bank.

Arab leaders, wrapping up an annual summit in the Sudanese capital, Khartoum, rejected any Israeli move to unilaterally draw its borders with a West Bank withdrawal. In a final statement, they renewed a peace offer for Israel — a 2002 initiative that Israel has rejected, promising a peace with Arab states in return for a withdrawal from all occupied Arab lands.

Israeli officials said it is very unlikely acting Prime Minister Ehud Olmert will create a "Hamas bypass" and negotiate directly with the moderate Abbas as long as Hamas refuses to change. Abbas, leader of the defeated Fatah Party, was elected separately and wields considerable power.

Israel suspended tens of millions of dollars in monthly tax transfers to the Palestinian Authority after the Hamas victory, and Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Mark Regev said the Israeli Cabinet would decide on additional sanctions next week.

"With Hamas taking over now, you can't have business as usual," Regev said.

The Cabinet ministers took their oath in two ceremonies, held simultaneously in the West Bank and Gaza because Israel bans the travel of Hamas leaders between the two ter-

ritories. The two locales were hooked up by video conference.

Abbas presided over the 10-minute ceremony in Gaza City, looking glum, then left without speaking.

The first to be sworn in was Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh, who walked along a red carpet, then placed his hand on a copy of the Muslim holy book, the Quran, laid out on a low table. He pledged to be "loyal to the homeland and its sacred places."

Haniyeh later told a news conference his government would cooperate with Abbas. He reiterated Hamas won't negotiate with Israel under the current terms, but appeared to be softening his message. Haniyeh said if Abbas wants to go ahead with peace

talks, "it's his prerogative and we have no problem with that."

Abbas then held a separate news conference and said the new government "knows what is required" of it, including dealing with Israel. Abbas reiterated that many differences remain between him and Hamas, and that both sides should try to bridge them.

In all, the new Cabinet has 24 ministers, including Haniyeh. Ten are from Gaza and 14 are from the West Bank. Nine have engineering degrees and the rest are university graduates in other fields. Nineteen are Hamas activists and five are independents. One is a woman and one a Coptic Christian.

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# Afghan who converted to Christianity is granted asylum in Italy

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ROME — The Afghan man who faced the death penalty for converting from Islam to Christianity received asylum in Italy Wednesday, despite requests by lawmakers in Afghanistan that he be barred from fleeing the conservative Muslim country.

Abdul Rahman arrived in Rome days after he was freed from a high-security prison on the outskirts of Kabul after a court dropped charges of apostasy against him for lack of

**International pressure applied by the United States and other countries freed an Afghan man from a high security prison where he potentially faced the death penalty**

evidence and suspected mental illness.

The case has attracted wide attention in the West and led to calls by the U.S. and other governments for the Afghan government to protect the 41-year-old convert.

It also inspired an appeal by Pope Benedict XVI to Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai and efforts by the United Nations to find a country to take him in after Muslim

clerics in Afghanistan threatened his life, saying his conversion was a "betrayal to Islam."

Rahman was in the care of Italy's Interior Ministry, Premier Silvio Berlusconi said Wednesday evening. "He is already in Italy," he said. "I think he arrived overnight."

The premier declined to release more details. The Interior Ministry said Rahman was "under protection."

Conversion is a crime under Afghanistan's Islamic law. Rahman was arrested last month after police discovered him with a Bible. He was brought to trial last week and faced the death penalty for converting 16 years ago while working as a medical aid worker for an international Christian group helping Afghan refugees in Pakistan.

Under heavy international pressure by the United States and other nations that helped oust the hard-line Taliban regime and provide aid and military support for Karzai,

Rahman was released from prison Monday.

President Bush and others had insisted Afghanistan protect personal beliefs. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice called Karzai last week and appealed for a "favorable resolution" of the case.

Afghanistan's new parliament debated Rahman's case Wednesday and demanded he be barred from leaving the country. But no formal vote was taken on the issue.

Some 500 Afghans, including Muslim leaders and students, also gathered at a mosque in the southern town of Qalat, in Zabul province, to demand the convert be forced to return to Islam or be killed.

"This is a terrible thing and a major shame for Afghanistan," Zabul's top cleric Abdulrahman Jan said.

Germany, where Rahman once lived, praised the Italian move.

"This is a humanitarian signal and

we welcome it," German government spokesman Thomas Steg said.

Italian Interior Minister Giuseppe Pisanu said Tuesday that granting asylum would bring "all the forms of protection and assistance" related to recognizing refugee status.

Italy has close ties with Afghanistan, whose former king, Mohammed Zahir Shah, was allowed to live with his family in exile in Rome for 30 years. The former royals returned to Kabul after the fall of the Taliban regime.

Italian troops were sent into Afghanistan after the U.S.-led invasion of the country in 2001 to help with reconstruction and Italy still has 1,775 troops there.

Rahman's ordeal began as a custody dispute over his two daughters, now 13 and 14. The girls had lived with their grandparents their whole lives but Rahman sought custody when he returned to Afghanistan in 2002 after living in Germany for nine years. A custody battle ensued and the matter was taken to police.

During questioning, it emerged that Rahman was a Christian and was carrying a Bible. He was immediately arrested and charged.



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## Iraq war changing with attacks on businesses, signs of organized crime

Steven R. Hurst  
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BAGHDAD, Iraq — Fourteen shot at a trading company. At least 90 kidnapped at other businesses. Bodies dumped nightly, bound hand and foot, some tortured. A new brand of violence — a deadly mix of organized crime and sectarian murder — is tearing at Iraq.

Its origins are murky. But the savagery has turned March into a pivotal month in the three-year war — a month of gruesome news, mixed with some good. A sharp decline in American deaths appears to be the payoff for handing more duties to the Iraqi army, leaving U.S. forces less exposed to attack.

At the same time, there has been the rise in the slayings of civilian Iraqis, the reasons for which are hard to find.

Not so many weeks ago, this was a conflict with straightforward, if brutal, terms. Sunni insurgents and al-Qaida terrorists used car bombs, roadside bombs, suicide bomb belts and sniper rifles to target U.S. troops, Iraqi soldiers, police and civilians — mainly Shiites, the newly ascendent majority after years of Saddam Hussein's oppression.

Those groups still operate and still kill. But their war has been dwarfed by the shadowy and incipient terror stalking the capital of Baghdad and its adjoining provinces.

Or perhaps — as some Iraq officials believe — the insurgents simply switched their targets, moving from American and Iraqi troops to targeting businesses and Iraqi civilians as a way to cause chaos or to fund their terror work.

Either way, the staggering shift makes it difficult to predict how the U.S. military will or can react to the new climate of violence, and what it might mean for hopes to begin a troop pullout this summer.

Bombs still rattle the capital and

elsewhere, but far less regularly. U.S. helicopters still thunder through the sky, darting here and there and raising a racket that disturbs sleep and sends packs of wild dogs into a howling nighttime frenzy.

The tanks in the streets these days aren't American, by and large, but old Russian T-72s driven by Iraqi soldiers. Faces at military checkpoints are increasingly Iraqi.

As of Wednesday, 27 U.S. military personnel had died in March — the lowest monthly American death count since February 2004 and the second-lowest of the war, according to an Associated Press count.

Coincidental with the sharp drop in American deaths was the huge rise in the number of execution-style killings among Iraqis. Since the beginning of the month, at least 385 people — an average of more than 13 a day — have been found slain, the apparent victims of sectarian hatred and settling of old scores after a Shiite shrine was bombed Feb. 22.

The count climbs to at least 486 when the last six days of February are added, according to figures compiled from daily AP reports based on police accounts.

Also since the start of March, gunmen — mostly masked, many wearing police uniforms — have stormed at least six Baghdad businesses. On Wednesday, eight people were killed at the al-Ibtikar trading company when they were lined up against a wall and shot, and six others were wounded. At least 90 workers have been kidnapped and tens of thousands of dollars stolen in the five other assaults.

Execution-style killings and kidnappings of civilians happened before late February, of course — but not nearly in such big numbers.

In one rough accounting of the rise, for example, the AP reported 36 bodies found in Iraq in December, 150 in January and 195 in February. To date in March, the AP has report-

ed 374 bodies found.

It is not always easy in war zones to separate criminal thugs from political thugs, and Iraq's insurgency has always been made up of several disparate groups.

"These are concentrated efforts to paralyze the country. They are either from al-Qaida or from the remnants of Saddam's regime. They want to tell the people that there is no government," Kurdish lawmaker Mahmoud Othman said after Wednesday's attack.

"All these operations have one aim: to freeze life in Iraq and sabotage the democratic process. They want to take us back to the dictatorship," said Maj. Gen. Ahmed al-Khafaji, a deputy interior minister. He, too, blamed al-Qaida and said "we will work day and night to arrest them."

The violence that has hit Iraqi businesses may be aimed at old-line Sunni business moguls. It could be the work of either common criminal gangs, or of death squads operating in or tolerated by the Shiite-dominated Interior Ministry, which controls the police.

Organized crime may now account for a majority of the violence in the country, said Matthew Sherman, who just finished a two-year stint advising the Interior Ministry.

That, he notes, in a recent interview with an online publication of the Council on Foreign Relations in New York, "really falls outside of what traditional military counterinsurgency operations cover."

Across this critical month, meanwhile, Iraqi politicians struggled but failed to form a government that might — U.S. officials hope — help put a lid on skyrocketing sectarian violence. The successful creation of a unified central authority remains key to the hoped-for start of an American troop withdrawal this summer.

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## Baseball

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Cal Poly has beaten Pacific seven of the last eight times and 13 of 18, taking the lead in its series against the Tigers, 26-25. The series began in 1946. Cal Poly is 17-13 in the series since moving to Division I in 1995.

At Stockton a year ago, Cal Poly won two of three games, including a 10-inning, 6-3 triumph in the series finale on April 10. Shortstop Gilbert Gil snapped a 3-3 tie with an RBI single to right field. Larry Lee is 7-2 against Pacific while Ed Sprague is 1-5 against Cal Poly.

Junior catcher Matt Canepa is next at .341 while freshman first baseman/designated hitter Adam Buschini owns a .316 mark after going 4-for-11 against Cal State

Northridge. Senior first baseman/right fielder Jimmy Van Ostrand is hitting .296 and leads Cal Poly and the Big West with 10 home runs and 34 RBIs.

Lee, in his fourth season as Mustang mentor with a 117-84-2 career mark, guided Cal Poly in 2005 to a tie for second place in the Big West Conference with Long Beach State, both 14-7 and two games behind 2004 national champion Cal State Fullerton. The Mustangs finished 36-20 overall, but were denied an NCAA Tournament berth.

Cal Poly continues Big West Conference action next weekend (April 7-9) with a three-game series at Cal State Northridge. The Mustangs host UC Irvine on April 13-15.

## Tam named Player of Week

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT



Stephanie Tam

Santa Clara University over the weekend.

Cal Poly defeated Santa Clara

Cal Poly freshman utility player Stephanie Tam was named the Big West Softball Player of the Week after the Mustangs earned two wins against

11-6 in game one of the doubleheader and 4-1 in game two.

Tam had a team-high four runs batted in and scored twice to go along with three hits in game one of the doubleheader. In game two, Tam had three more hits and score one run and had a stolen base.

For the weekend, Tam had a batting average of .750.

This season, Tam has scored 14 runs, hitting two doubles, two triples and a homerun. She also records nine RBIs and three stolen bases for 2006 while maintaining a batting average of .292.

The 5-foot-1-inch freshman

hails from Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif. and is a graduate of San Pedro High School.

Tam is batting .292 this season with one home run and nine RBIs in 72 at bats. She also has three stolen bases in three attempts. She is second on the team with two triples.

The Mustangs (13-16) return to action on Saturday for a home doubleheader against UC Riverside at 1 p.m. and a 12 p.m. doubleheader on Sunday against UC Riverside. The Mustangs are 4-4 while playing at home this season.

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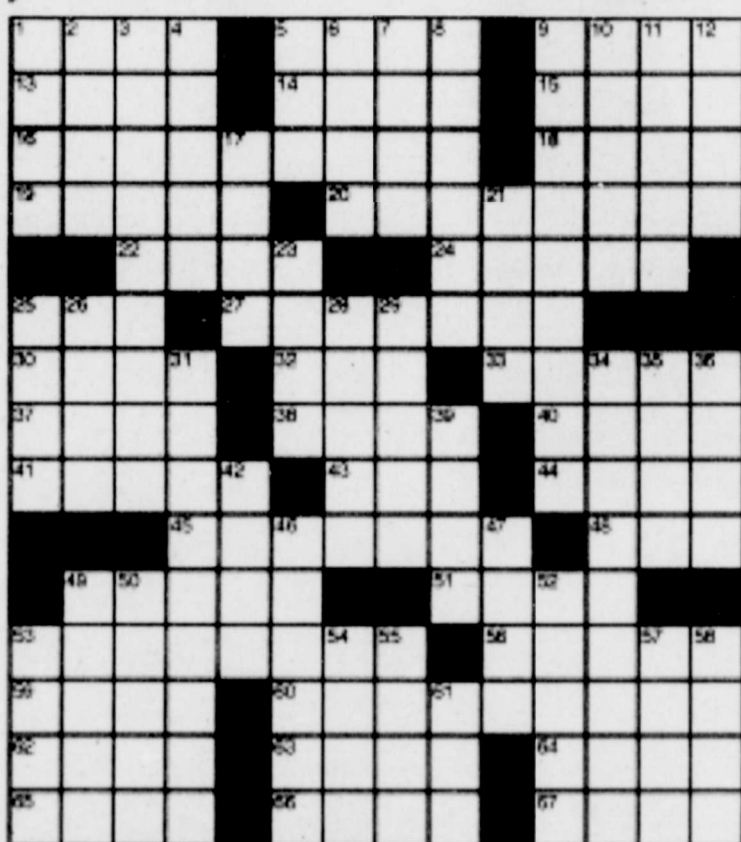
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## Nguyen

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Poly and its Division I tennis program that eventually brought him to San Luis Obispo.

"While playing in a tournament at Avila Bay I met coach Kronemann, liked the program and what they had to offer and ended up coming out here to play tennis," Nguyen said.

Despite the pressure that accompanies the No. 1 spot on the roster, Nguyen doesn't mind being on top.

"I like being No. 1, it feels good to be No. 1 and have others look up to you," Nguyen said. "I like being a source of motivation for my teammates."

Balancing the responsibilities of school and sports can be quite difficult, and Nguyen's case is no different.

"The time and effort is definitely the hardest part, you have to manage your time better because of the practices and all the traveling," he said.

With a strong 22-7 singles record and a 3-3 doubles record with friend and teammates, Brett Van Linge, Nguyen gives credit to his increased court time and his strict training regimen as the reason for his strongest season yet.

"This is definitely my best year, my best record, I've played stronger, played more," Nguyen said. "I've definitely just spent more time on the court and had better conditioning."

Standing tall in the No. 1 slot as his last Mustang season comes to a close, Nguyen's love for the game is deeper than just the competition.

"I really enjoying playing tennis, it's a lot of fun, it's what I like to do most," Nguyen said.

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# Mustangs look to end losing ways

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

After winning its first two games against No. 18 Washington, Cal Poly baseball has lost five of its last six games, including a sweep by Big West foe Cal State Northridge.

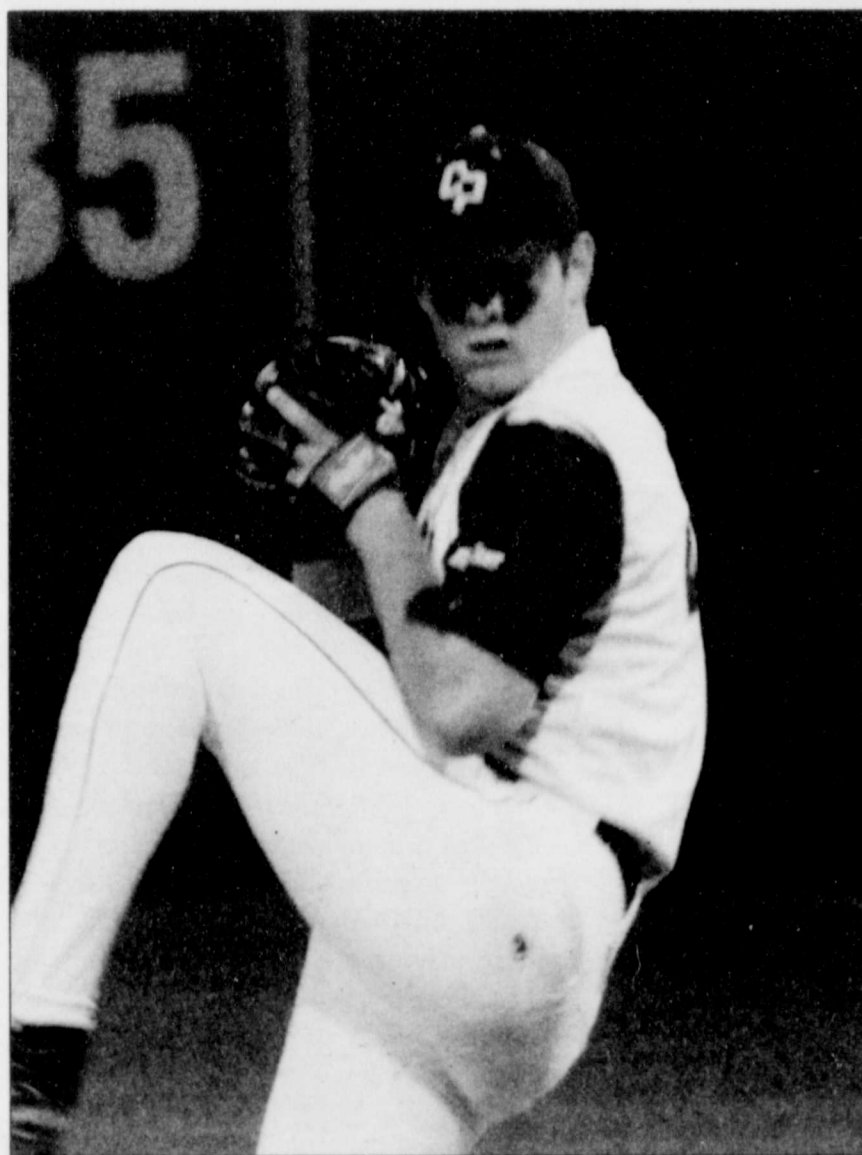
Cal Poly (16-13) will try to end the skid with a home series against University of the Pacific (16-8) this week-end. The Mustangs and Tigers will play games Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m. in Baggett Stadium.

Larry Lee's Mustangs, ranked as high as No. 22 by Baseball America this season, opened the 2006 campaign by sweeping then No. 22 Fresno State in Baggett Stadium. It marked the second straight year that Cal Poly swept Fresno State.

The Mustangs next hit the road for their next nine games and posted 2-1 series wins over San Jose State, Loyola Marymount and San Diego State.

The 9-2 start has been followed by a 7-11 mark over the last five weeks, including a split of last week's two-game series against Dartmouth College and the three-game sweep by the Matadors in a non-conference series, dropping Cal Poly out of the polls.

Pacific, coached by Ed Sprague, in his third season, has seven



TOM SANDERS MUSTANG DAILY

Gary Daley Jr. will take the mound on Friday, bringing a 4.99 earned run average and 3-3 record into the contest.

position starters, seven pitchers and seven other letter winners back from last year's 30-28 squad which finished sixth in the Big West with a 9-12 mark.

Sprague, who guided Pacific to its first winning season in six years with a 30-28 mark in 2005, was the starting third baseman on the 1987 and 1988 NCAA Championship teams at Stanford. He collected another championship as he won a Gold Medal with USA Baseball in the 1988 Summer Olympics and enjoyed an 11-year Major League career with Toronto, Pittsburgh, Boston, Oakland, Seattle and San Diego.

The Tigers swept San Diego State last weekend by scores of 7-2, 6-3 and 10-4. Pacific has also won series against Cal, Nevada, UCLA, Santa Clara and swept Brigham Young. Top Tiger hitters to date are right fielder Ramon Glasgow at .365, designated hitter Matt Berezay at .364 with seven home runs and 22 RBIs, center fielder Anthony Jackson at .353 and first baseman Brett

Manning at .338.

The Tigers are hitting .268 as a team while the opponents are at .247 and Pacific sports a 3.31 team ERA, third in the Big West Conference.

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## POLY PLAYERS WITH JOHN NGUYEN

Justin Fivella  
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly grand slam tennis ace John Nguyen is on the top of his game as he is currently ranked No.1 on Mustang roster for the second year in a row and could place well at the Big West finals in late April.

Nguyen, a business junior has dominated both sides of the serve this season with his crippling offense and his powerful defense.

The Anaheim native's commanding performance this year had ranked him as high as No.54 in the nation and as high as No.13 in the western region, according to the Intercollegiate Tennis Association for the week of Jan. 10 2006. Nguyen was also named Big West Player of the Week for the week of Feb. 23 2006 after his strong showing against No. 59 ranked University of Nevada-Las Vegas.

A tennis player at heart, Nguyen explained that the game of tennis has been his favorite pastime since the age of 12 when his father placed a tennis racket in his hand.

"My father was a recreational player that loved the sport and



BRENNAN ANGEL MUSTANG DAILY

he encouraged me to play," Nguyen said.

Shortly after picking up the racket, Nguyen began playing in tournaments and has been playing competitively for 10 years. He continued to play in select tournaments through junior college as well as for his high school team despite no intention of playing competitive tennis beyond his days at Santiago Canyon College in Santa Ana, Calif.

"I didn't play for my junior college team, I just continued to play in tournaments all over," Nguyen said.

It was during one these tournaments that he discovered Cal

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## M. LACROSSE

### CHARGES PENDING DNA TESTS

Duke University's highly ranked lacrosse team will not play again this season until school administrators learn more about allegations that several team members raped an exotic dancer at an off-campus party, the school said.

A woman told police she and another dancer were hired to perform March 13 at a private party in an off-campus home. The dancer, a student at North Carolina Central University, told police she was pulled into a bathroom, beaten, choked and raped by three men.

No one has been charged.

The president of Duke University met Wednesday with students who feel his suspension of the lacrosse team during a rape investigation was not enough, urging them to be patient while police look into the matter.

"I don't want to say I'm satisfied, but I will say that what happened in there makes me feel like we're moving in a good direction," sophomore Bridgette Howard said after the roughly hourlong session. ~Associated Press

## WRESTLING

### MENDES NAMED ALL-AMERICAN

All-American and Pac-10 champion Chad Mendes led Cal Poly in the NCAA Championships to a 23rd place finish, as the sophomore standout took sixth place at 125 pounds. Mendes' performance means Cal Poly has had a Mustang All-American three straight years — Vic Moreno in 2004, 2005 and Darrell Vasquez in 2004.



Mendes secured his All-American title after defeating No. 3 Kyle Ott of Illinois by pinfall and outlasting No. 8 John Velaz of Northwestern, holding on to a 3-1 decision.

On the final day of competition in Oklahoma City, Mendes had the daunting task of defeating No. 2 Sam Hazewinkle of Oklahoma. Mendes fell to the two-time All-American, 7-1, on the final day of competition in Oklahoma City, placing Mendes in the fifth and sixth place championship round.


In Mendes' final match of the tournament he wrestled No. 6 Scott Coleman of Oklahoma State. Coleman defeated Mendes by pinfall, giving the sophomore from Hanford, Calif. sixth place in the tournament.

With Mendes capturing sixth place, it marks the third year in a row Cal Poly has had an All-American at 125 pounds as Moreno was able to finish sixth twice in his career as a Mustang.

On top of earning the honor of All-American, Mendes ends his successful season with an overall record of 21-5, a Pac-10 championship, Fullerton Open championship and a third place finish in the Cliff Keen/Las Vegas Invitational. He went 4-3 in the national championships with two of his four wins coming by pinfall.

All five losses that Mendes suffered in 2005-06 came to wrestlers ranked no less than ninth in the country.

The sophomore racked up five wins by pinfall, two by technical fall and two by major decision in 2005-06. ~Sports Information Report

CAL POLY WEEKLY HOME ATHLETICS SCHEDULE		Thurs. 30	Fri. 31	Sat. 1	Sun. 2	Mon. 3	Tues. 4
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